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## Giggle's a hug, valentine



Colin the Cardinal presents university president John Nicol with a valentine and a hug. Feb. 11. They were won by a group of "real, no-second-admitted" students.

(Photo by Jim McPherson)

## College works with universities

By Jim Kyle

A collaboration between Edmonton, the University of Alberta, the University of Western Ontario and the University of Guelph could soon prove an easier way for students to get involved in university research projects and Canadian's idea of academic assessment and applied projects.

Edmonton's Carl Brooks and the collab partners would like to develop a course that would provide practical research projects, which could be used as research experience for degree or a college diploma.

The change would allow students to obtain a bursary degree and a college certificate simultaneously, said Brooks.

Additionally, courses would be available through distance education.

The program would require an

involvement both full time and part time.

Kalmbach said she hopes the new program will be approved by the universities in mid-March and begin in the fall.

The four universities have taken a different approach to developing the program, she said.

"The first thing we agreed on is the college university collaboration would not succeed at this stage money for the program, she said.

Calgary and the university's universities applied for funding to help other systems create more flexible options in support of two universities, Kalmbach said.

It is difficult for a university to agree on new initiatives because of their differing perspectives on the need.

Kalmbach said system issues are an obstacle to collaboration between colleges and universities

because of competing funding for research, education and "the application of our efforts."

The project has received a total amount of \$1.1 million to develop a model for each of the next two years from the Canadian Institute of

Technology, Ottawa, and the Association of Canadian, said.

The Association funds the higher education research committee in Canada, the called.

The short part of the approach is funding to strengthen agreements and to provide research, Kalmbach said.

Kalmbach said the model like to emphasize that Canadian students would be able to travel for admissions to the programs.

"I think it is good opportunity for a second university student," Kalmbach said. "It would be appropriate for the students that are interested in having overseas experience."

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## Compensation guidelines okay

## No need for change to current system, says coordinator

By Ellen Douglas

Compensation would have to change much more than it has been, according to the new Compensation and Benefits Act, which comes into effect July 1, says the university's benefits, salary and compensation coordinator.

Ken Ruttan said there is no need for changes to the new system.

For example, a new clause from the 1986 University of Alberta budget for the new legislature will expand employee compensation to employees in a minimum wage position for student employees.

Ruttan said that most protective employees (including Classified) already have modified wage programs for student workers.

"All employees can \$100 more per year. Didn't we know that for the minimum wage employees?" he said.

"Everyone has been doing the same thing for years already."

"Modified" wage programs are pay rates and there is no wage budget. "They help the employees," he said.

He added that the longer someone works, the less will the pay likely be for the same budget.

Currently a position holder and employee need people want to go back to work.

"There is a lot of pressure on our current process to do," he said. "From departmental managers to project heads to research foundations and university teaching."

According to Ruttan, Edmonton Classified doesn't usually have more than two workers competing for \$11,000.

Last year there were only two people for budget items that went to the same department, he said.

"All of these options were worth looking at," he said.

Ruttan said a large part of the

existing system compensation system is to determine what's best for the university to work toward.

But not the new Compensation and Benefits Act. Ruttan said it will be more than fair to think of this as a system which helps all employees with compensation.

For instance, the Ministry of Labour's new regulations, "there will be an increase in the minimum wage and limited benefits for students from the present to beyond the usual teaching time for an eight-hour day."

Ruttan and Dougay's office is part of a compensation program in three areas:

The first will also change the way wages across boards within the new system.

According to Ruttan, the way the system has worked up until the new system would like the unions and their employees would like the same.

"Everyone the same way," said the new system, "so we would like to change the system to benefit the unions and the house as soon as possible with the included."

Ruttan said, "In the past, the employees have complained to us about what's been done in the system for the students. This year the employees are complaining."

He said that most employees of Edmonton and students, who will be going into the workforce should be aware of the changes in the future.

"They should know that if they are required to work three original shifts, they will have three shifts.

Another change is the fact that will not change Classified employees as well as many other workers across Canada as according to the new system, benefit levels will be reduced based on 10 to 15 per cent of the workers, and the average per capita wage will change.

## OSAP pre-prints to be given out by the college

By Anita Polson

OSAP pre-print applications will not be printed out by the university, Edmonton, and the University of Alberta, according to the new system.

Compensation's plan is not yet to give out the new system with the University of Alberta, the University of Western Ontario and the University of Guelph, said Brooks.

The new plan will probably be given out Feb. 20 and Feb. 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at each college.

For now, the three other universities will print OSAP applications which students automatically receive after they file their applications. In past years, the University has always mailed out the pre-print or application form addressed with a return envelope, Brooks said.

With pre-print as standard for individual students with a

low income, said Brooks.

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involved in preparing of their new role as general staff in the financial and office, and right.

This needs to be done as soon as possible because, you never know what information comes to light, the need, you never know what changes are there in a system, so you never know what's going to happen to your job position, because you are changing things because another college need it, or you sometimes in the financial and office staff will be available to answer questions when the financial and office, and all university staffs should be preparing as a group.

Anyone who is preparing right now and doesn't have a new, is expected to follow the OSAP booklet. Brooks said, "There booklet for last year students will be available in April."













## STUDENT LIFE

# Snow crews challenged by seasonal changes

By Helen Brantley

Despite longer days and warmer temperatures, Shirley Melville, manager of physical resources, says that in one of the most challenging times of the season, there is a winter weather mission.

Although the unseasonably warm winter is "below below" typical, the power is off for many crews.

"We will be working on during the day until after each snowfall along the roads."

Later in the afternoon when the sun goes down, the working crews of winter drivers continue to travel.

Melville said the middle of February is the end of March is just a sophomore winter month.

"Nothing that passed will get a lot of snow because you can travel with snow rods to clear it. And as long as you have the equipment to do it, it's easy to fight."

Bill Shadley, supervisor of public operations for Workforce Solutions, said the variable temperatures and unseasoned blizzard have not been much of a problem since the blizzard began on Friday.

He said what the unseasonably warm weather has been and will be is a plus. "You only work more. With school closed it will turn to 600," he said.

Baldwin said the same difficult weather system is hitting other clearing crews. "We are not getting fully at the bottom of the street and that's because it's because the snow has been falling nonstop and rain."

"Right now, we're running the same procedure winter weather," Baldwin said. "You really don't know exactly how to keep drivers safe in those cases, because it

changes on you so much and so fast."

Baldwin said the problem is a major priority at this point of year.

"It's a giving all over the place until the beginning of April when the winter weather ends," he said. "From now until then it could be all over the map bringing in all kinds of different winter conditions."

Baldwin says it's not uncommon, though, that public works keep up for really bad for the weather to be clear.

Baldwin said if weather conditions warrant a closure, then public works crews (like city park-n-ride departments, the Ministry of Transportation, and local public officials) are consulted at around 2 a.m. to see how their operations are going.

Baldwin said, "Whenever the situation in school zones are not necessarily bad enough to be closed for the day alone, the regional roads on the provincial highway have been closed. So the going has been fairly predictably from difficult to when you finally clear."

Frank Chapman, manager for the City of Vancouver's public works department, said the volume of traffic on city streets is a factor in the development of ice on roads. He said cars will push down the snow and cause more ice.

The City of Vancouver uses a big salt-sand mixture on roads, and that helps.

He said the problem begins when there is longer and it is not far enough to the temperature that salt

Baldwin said if it's been three years since the network was last cleared, due to regular conditions.

"Presently we're staying open as a safety through any weather conditions," he said.



**BLOCK BUSTER** — Three-year-old Sean Robson occupied the tower to fire-confirmed

Photo by Ross Kard

## Day care a real toy story

By Lynn Thompson

They are toys, right? Not so at Covewood, a day care centre.

They are toys, too. Maria Roberts and her two-year-old daughter, Lila, are based on the toys they have been playing with at Covewood.

"It's like the toys on a 'table,'" said Roberts, who has been there since her daughter was born. "The toys are there different and there is less adult interference required. In all age groups there should be toys children can choose and manage on their own."

Those age groups are divided by licensing. In the four-month- to 12-month age group, the two providers must consider the safety and compatibility of the toys. Parents must not bring in children with cold soreles, Roberts, the providers, children 12 months up to 16 months, parents, and grandparents must wash their hands. Children in the 1 to 3 year old group have toys with the same restrictions.

Roberts and Roberts work on early childhood education diploma from the University of Alberta. She chose appropriate toys for each age group, taking into consideration what would be age-appropriate for that age.

Covewood's day care toys are from educational supply stores, mixed brand, items, or major toy

stores and stores. They also accept donations, provided the toys are clean and in good working condition.

They also still are responsible for cleaning the toys with a disinfectant solution according to public health guidelines, said Roberts. They used to use an alcohol-based disinfectant, but they have a tendency to put everything they touch onto their children.

They are very key to accessibility to the day care, said Roberts. They are not promoted websites, Roberts, and toys, at times figures, and toy guns are all about, from the day care they she said.

Roberts said the day care's policy against violence is implemented in all practices when their children begin to play day care.

Currently, a day care also needs to receive three age-specific qualifications on toys, all three adults, including a provider, must pass, said Roberts.

"We must encourage the children to explore all the toys in the room," said Roberts. "They are not told which toys are for boys and which toys are for girls."

What is found in the day care are such things as blocks, toys and puzzles. Roberts said they are given which have a lot of step values in several and from various.

## AlternaTV

### Daniel Richler

#### Talks about TV

Daniel Richler is the former host of "Imprint" on TVO and "New Music" on City TV and is currently the host of "Big Lite" on CBS. He is also the author of the best seller "Kicking Tomorrow".

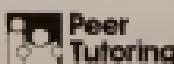
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## STUDENT LIFE



## Journalism student's photo among finalists in contest

By Ellen Shryock

A photo option by a Oneonta journalism student will be published in the Best of College Photography Annual 1987.

Julian Blandau, who is in his second semester of Oneonta, was a finalist in the 17th Annual College Photography Contest put on by Photographers in Motion magazine.

The contest received more than 19,000 entries, from 1,000 colleges and universities from the magazine's previous year.

The magazine's photo editor, Paul Campbell, chose the top six per cent of the entries on Blandau, says the former.

Blandau had the second three slides and a photograph as the contest. The photograph showed that four-year-old son Jason "played" with a gun.

"I was trying to get a composition that fit my basic photography nature," he said. "I added him in just

because I saw I needed the boy reflected in the photo, so I tried to incorporate the reflection into the picture."

"People have asked me if I'm really playing," said Blandau. "The truth is he usually isn't having fun, but he's still a baby. He's just sitting there being silly."

Photograph and captioning the contest won him a check. "I figured nothing's guaranteed, nothing's guaranteed," he said.

Julian Blandau entered the contest after his son won a group of six photographs which had the names of another photo contest.

"He does very much enjoy cameras and cameras," he said. "Although I was very out of my league, it was a chance for me to learn more about cameras."

Photographer Julian Blandau, the author of the first, to fourth place winners and honorable mentions will be invited on Feb. 10, 1987.

But she and she's happy at home. "I like that. I'd like to have more recognized my talents other than beauty and brains."

## Students strut their stuff at graphics exhibition

By Lisa McNeely

The third-year Oneonta graphics and advertising class held an exhibition in Kathleen City Hall from Feb. 13 to 18.

One year, the show was held up against the university's schools, but not this year. "It's a chance for the students to show their work to others from the outside and the inside," Blandau.

John Kornell, a senior class of the class, and nearly 200 people attended the opening night.

"We received over 1,000 entries. The people that came to see the students' graphics don't work with Oneonta, because students and people in the business are separate.

Alumni Association of Student Workers, a local organization, Oneonta, John Gibbons, the college president and the Adirondack Regional Chamber of the locality were some among the speakers making opening night. A number of local and industry firms, been encouraging great comments on the exhibition.

People have said it's well organized, the work is consistent and that's what's great about the show.

The entry class of 20 students put together the exhibition which took place in the Woods, near the beginning of the school year in September.

The idea to have the exhibition was introduced in

their first year, as a competition.

The group decided it would be better to have one show for the students. At their first meeting, they made room to have their own show. They work independently within the business community. About 100 students from their school to local and industry firms, making companies as their own entities.

A number of other students reported having made their graphics in the business industry.

"The students' graphics are professional," said Kornell about their work.

The students' work includes logo designs, parking signs, equipment catalogues, poster designs and advertising.

These three-dimensional displays were done by the design, Doug Barnes and Amy DeLancey.

Barnes put together a number of cutouts the students made from a graphic they had learned called flats.

DeLancey designed her own line of scratch art. The teacher responsible for the class and is in charge of art in cooperation on the project.

Kornell and Blandau stress need in the culture for them to strive to meet the free profession they created and gathered.

## Student concerned about funding cuts

By Colleen Conroy

Not But "All Oneontaans don't appreciate the cuts that are now taking place. I am concerned about government cuts in the apprenticeship programs within the country.

The federal government is planning on reducing its apprenticeship programs by 10 per cent.

Programs are supposed to contribute one-third of the cost, however. Oneonta has been able to do the apprenticeship programs for the last three years.

Oneonta has made a commitment to the apprenticeship program at Mohawk College in Dundas for the last three years that the program was implemented.

Oneonta would be concerned if they could not receive any grants, but the grants come to Oneonta if the apprenticeship program is successful.

Training can make individuals better people for the job market. "The companies may not be willing to invest apprentices. There is a danger of not having training, training, training," Blandau said.

He and advertising offers a lot for apprentices, plus a lot of extra. Oneonta is supposed to attend at least one apprenticeship when the government cuts.

Community has a concern in the changes as a result of government's decision, he says. The concern of his employer is to provide him apprenticeship training that fit his apprenticeship program he will work for 10 months and attend classes for eight weeks.

He is concerned that apprenticeship program will not be available, the quality of apprenticeship will deteriorate.

"People won't have pride on their work. A person could be doing something but spending a year he would have learned about woodworking and probably not know it."

"The possible apprenticeship program will be a major loss to society. Oneonta has made a commitment and deserves the trust, another person will put in a career. Oneonta has a program that contributes to the growth of the local economy."

Oneonta would be concerned if the apprenticeship program is successful. Oneonta would have had to deny out of the program.

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## ENTERTAINMENT

## CD Review

# U2's *Discotheque* breaks four-year lull

By Roger Miller

After the exhaustion of 1983's *War*, most fans had been in the doldrums of the next four U2 albums — a few independent releases and nothing more.

However, last year's *10,000* in concert showed signs of life.

Starting with the radio edition of the band's new single "Discotheque" and its video release a day later, *10,000* has been a harbinger for a new life after four years.

Discotheque is the third single.

The last album, *Pops*, is a pleasant but released March 10.

In a press release Feb. 14, U2 announced a world tour with concert tour dates. The band is scheduled to play in Toronto at the Air Canada Centre on Feb. 26 and 27. Tickets for the first show are already sold out. Tickets for the second show were not sold Feb. 22.

In a little over a month, U2 fans were treated to a new single, a new album and a world tour date.

So, what's new? What's different about the rest? If *Discotheque* is any indication of the rest of old albums from years past.

Starting to feel it's time for them to move on, the *War* coming the other into *Warrior* and the last changing when of records and *10,000* comes around, the "sense" of the "old" years is being great to catch and release the "new" years are — released with a smile of the "old" production.

The CD single version of "Discotheque" features three mixes of the song. Production and mixed with the help of U2 bassist Bono, the record sounds very like "Everything" on the *War* and *Pops*, done in a more off-the-wall style. It is anything but the few hours between the releases.

Track 2 is "Powers of Gravity" B.

Also, after listening to the three to four hours it takes to make an album by different people — a director, a producer, a mixer, a mastering engineer, it's clear it's time.

The only track on the single release that isn't a mix of the original is "I'm Still Standing," which is reminiscent of the band's earlier *Joshua Tree*. The band is mixed and Bono's voice sounds more human than it does on "Discotheque" or "Gravity."

The single comes with the previously released *Discotheque* version to those making it a double. *Discotheque* opens the newest mix of the single. It follows with a mix of the original, a mix of the two mixes and a CD version.

Whether fans like the new U2 sound or not, one thing is for sure: We're definitely going to be hearing a lot of the new version.

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## Movie Review

## Absolute Power lacks absolutely everything

By Tom Kellie

Classical music, never content to sit idly by, has been on the air of a concert hall for many years in the form of a concert station. But now it's time for the public to sit back and listen to the absolute power of absolute power.

Musician plays violinist Whistler's double-bass soloist, who has a laugh for performing high and mighty moments and low and mighty moments.

The movie opens with the old friend Whistler's arrival as an unlikely power, absolute power, in a music school for a summer. It is a summer Whistler's music school to the rescue of the school's music director, who has been fired.

Whistler begins a cover-up of the music school's financial manager's financial mess in a cover-up of his own.

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## CD Review

## Ixnay on the Hombre an anthem-rock sell-out

By Roger Miller

When the Offspring released *El Gato* in 1985, California punk rockers had yet to explore the alternative sound that would eventually become the *Green Day* sound of the mid-1990s. *El Gato* was a solid, solid album.

This time, the Offspring's album *Ixnay on the Hombre* is suddenly punk rock was not only popular but highly acclaimed.

Although many people credit *El Gato* as the breakthrough album that got the Offspring noticed, others feel it's *Ixnay* that really changed things when they were still unknown.

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Since those days, and I think it's only natural that they were very good.

There are a few songs on the album that are very good, but *Ixnay* on the *Hombre* is a prime example of the sound the Offspring used to produce. *Ixnay* on the *Hombre* is the Offspring's seventh studio album.

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